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1 A Belgian percussion-cap Pistol, with half-stock and chequered grips, 11½*in., Liege, 19th Century*

2 An Arab Miquelet lock Pistol, the stock elaborately inlaid with panels of mother-o'-pearl and brass wire, the lock decorated with gilding, 17½*in., early 19th Century*

3 An English flintlock Holster Pistol, signed on the lockplate *T. Ketland & Co.*, the stock with brass mounts, 14½*in., early 19th Century*

4 A rare Japanese Combination Weapon in the form of a *tanto* Dagger, with black lacquered scabbard and hilt which opens to disclose a percussion cap with under barrel hammer and spring bayonet, 14*in.*, 19*th Century*

*** See footnote to lot 9

5 A Burmese brass Hand Gun manually ignited, the pan set on the right hand side, the pommel in the form of a trilobed bud, 8½*in.*, 19*th Century*

6 An English early 19th Century flintlock Duelling Pistol, signed on the lockplate *Richards,* Birmingham proved octagonal barrel, full stock with chequered grips, gold touch hole, 14½*in., circa* 1815

7 A Portuguese miquelet lock Pistol, the barrel inscribed *Regimento de Caballa de Algarbe,* the plain stock with brass mounts, the escutcheon probably with the arms of Castille and Leon, 19½*in., early* 19*th Century*

8 A flintlock Sea Service Pistol, the lock stamped *G.R.* crowned and Tower at the tang, Birmingham proved barrel, the stock with brass mounts, 19½*in.*

*** Compare with another sea service pistol illustrated by Blackmore, *British Military Firearms,* p. 97, pl 18 (bottom)

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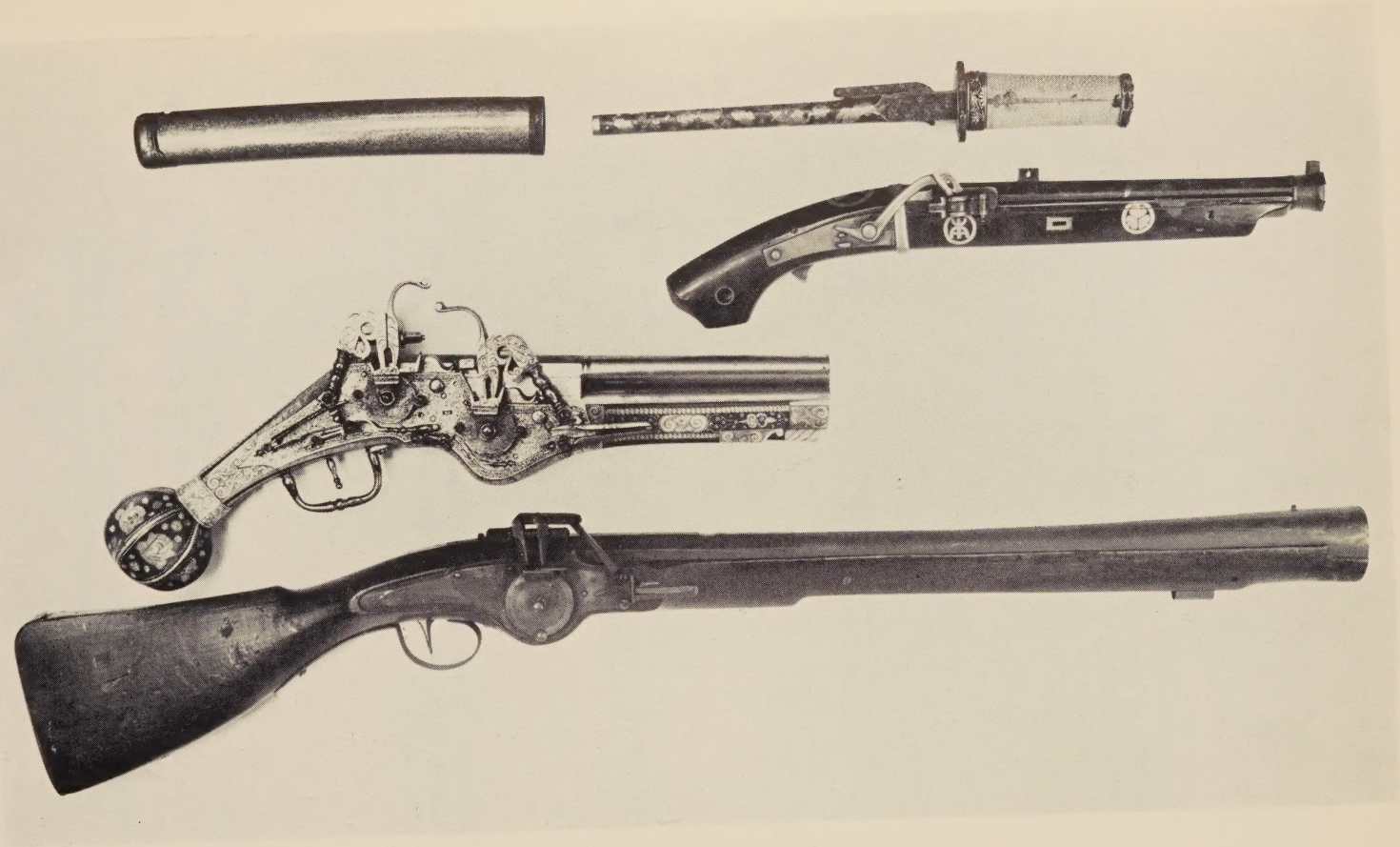

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9 A rare Japanese percussion-cap Pistol in the form of a *tanto* Dagger, with nashiji scabbard, the samé with silver horse *menuki,* and chiselled brass *fycgu-kashira,* the barrel decorated with silvered dragons and the hammer inscribed Show-hei, Lord of Tamba, $14\frac{3}{4}$*in., early 19th Century*

*** Compare with Milward, 'Some Unusual Japanese Fire-arms,' *Antique Collector,* August 1964, p. 151, pl. 7

(*See* ILLUSTRATION)

10 A good quality Japanese matchlock Pistol, the stock lightly lacquered and decorated with gilt *mon,* the barrel decorated with cranes flying amongst clouds and *inscribed Yama-Siro ornamented this,* 17*in., 19th Century*

(*See* ILLUSTRATION)

11 A Turkish Combination Weapon in the form of a d.b. over-and-under flintlock Pistol, the grips concealing a dagger and in the form of a silver knife hilt, the whole decorated with silver wire inlay and engraved motifs, 19½*in.*

12 A good Indian Combination Weapon, in the form of an axe, with a squatting figure of an *apsara* set above the axehead, the shaft with a matchlock Pistol, and the muzzle fitted with a detachable dagger with elephant's head grip, 22¾*in.*

13 A South German flintlock Duelling Pistol, signed on the barrel, *Barth I Kuchenreuter in Regensberg,* and similarly signed on the lock, the stock (in bad condition) with engraved silver mounts, set trigger, 15*in., early* 19*th Century*

WHEEL-LOCKS

14 A detached German wheel-lock, probably from a carbine, the dog engraved with grotesque monster and the tang with stags running downhill towards a fortress, signed beneath the pan *I.P.*, 8*in.*, 17*th*/18*th Century*

15 Wheel-lock Keys. A good Combination Tool, the head with a triple wheel-lock key, double baluster stem with a pierced disc and terminating in a screwdriver, 8½*in.*, 17*th Century*; another, the trefoil head pierced with keyholes, the stem with manually regulated powder measure, 7½*in.*, 17*th Century*; and a simple T-shaped Key, 2*in.* (3)

*** For a similar key to the first in this lot in the Wallace Collection, see *Catalogue*, pl. 205, A1321

16 A Brescian wheel-lock Pistol, the wheel lightly engraved with scrolls, the lock with maker's poinçon *A.M.*, the barrel faceted at the breech, the fish tail butt with cap inlaid with further scrolls in steel wire and with geometric borders, 20¾*in.*, *mid*-17*th Century* (the stock in damaged condition)

17 An officer's wheel-lock Pistol, with octagonal barrel, the wood stock with fish tail butt and reeded under the barrel below the breech, 24½*in.*, *probably Italian, circa* 1630 (barrel and stock defective)

18 A RARE AUSTRIAN WHEEL-LOCK BLUNDERBUSS, the club-shaped butt with flared barrel octagonal at the breech, the side fitted with a cavalry slide, the breech stamped with two armourers marks, 35*in.*, *Salzburg, 17th Century*

*** For the barrel-maker's mark—C.K.—which appears on several firearms c. 1650-1680 preserved in the Heeres-museum, Vienna, and in Ambras and Coburg, see Stoeckel, A2226

(*See* ILLUSTRATION FACING PAGE 5)

19 A D.B. WHEEL-LOCK PISTOL, the over-and-under barrels stamped with the Nuremberg townmark, and with the maker's poinçon, the lock with brass wheel covers engraved with tournament scenes, the stock inlaid with dolphinesque grotesque animals within bands of rope-work, the fluted butt with a pseudo coat-of-arms engraved on the cap, 19*in.*

(*See* ILLUSTRATION FACING PAGE 5)

20 A DECORATIVE COMBINED SWORD AND MATCHLOCK PISTOL, the hilt with diagonally turned quillons and semi cup guard, the forte fitted with a matchlock pistol

21 A COMBINED SWORD AND WHEEL-LOCK PISTOL, the hilt with faceted octagonal pommel, the quillons concealing the main spring and dog, the action attached at the forte with a barrel set at the back of the blade, the decoration consisting of etched monsters and foliage

22 A GERMAN MILITARY WHEEL-LOCK PISTOL, the octagonal barrel stamped at the breech with the initials *SUL*, the pale wood stock with steel mounts, 24½*in.*, *17th Century*

23 A WHEEL-LOCK HOLSTER PISTOL, the barrel faceted at the muzzle and octagonal at the breech, the stock inlaid with an all-over design of inhabited foliage, 23½*in.*, *probably German, circa* 1640 (stock fractured beneath lock, later decorated)

24 A GOOD GERMAN WHEEL-LOCK HOLSTER PISTOL, the lock with concealed wheel and dog spring, the barrel with an indistinct Suhl mark, the stock lightly carved with foliage and with brass nail head decoration. 27½*in., mid-17th Century*

*** For the two Suhl marks, see Stoeckel, vol. II, p. 478-9
Compare with a similar military pistol also fitted with an enclosed lock, and from the Runes Collection, sold in these rooms, 11th June, 1964, lot 10

(*See* ILLUSTRATION)

25 A SAXON BALL-BUTTED WHEEL-LOCK PISTOL, the pan bearing the *date* 1595, the lockplate stamped with two armourers' marks, the stock stamped with scalework and the barrel stamped with an armoury inventory number 54, 21*in., late 16th Century*

*** Neither the I.E. over a sun poinçon nor the single key mark is recorded by Stoeckel
See first footnote to lot 36

26 A FINE SAXON WHEEL-LOCK PISTOL, the barrel *dated* 1591, bearing the initials *DR* on either side of the mark, the stock stamped to resemble horn, the ball butt with the arms of Saxony, the bone plaque set behind the tang engraved with bearded men, 21*in., late 16th Century* (butt cap restored)

*** For the poinçon *DR* see Stoeckel A2389 who records another bearing the same date—1591—in the Pauillhac Collection, Paris
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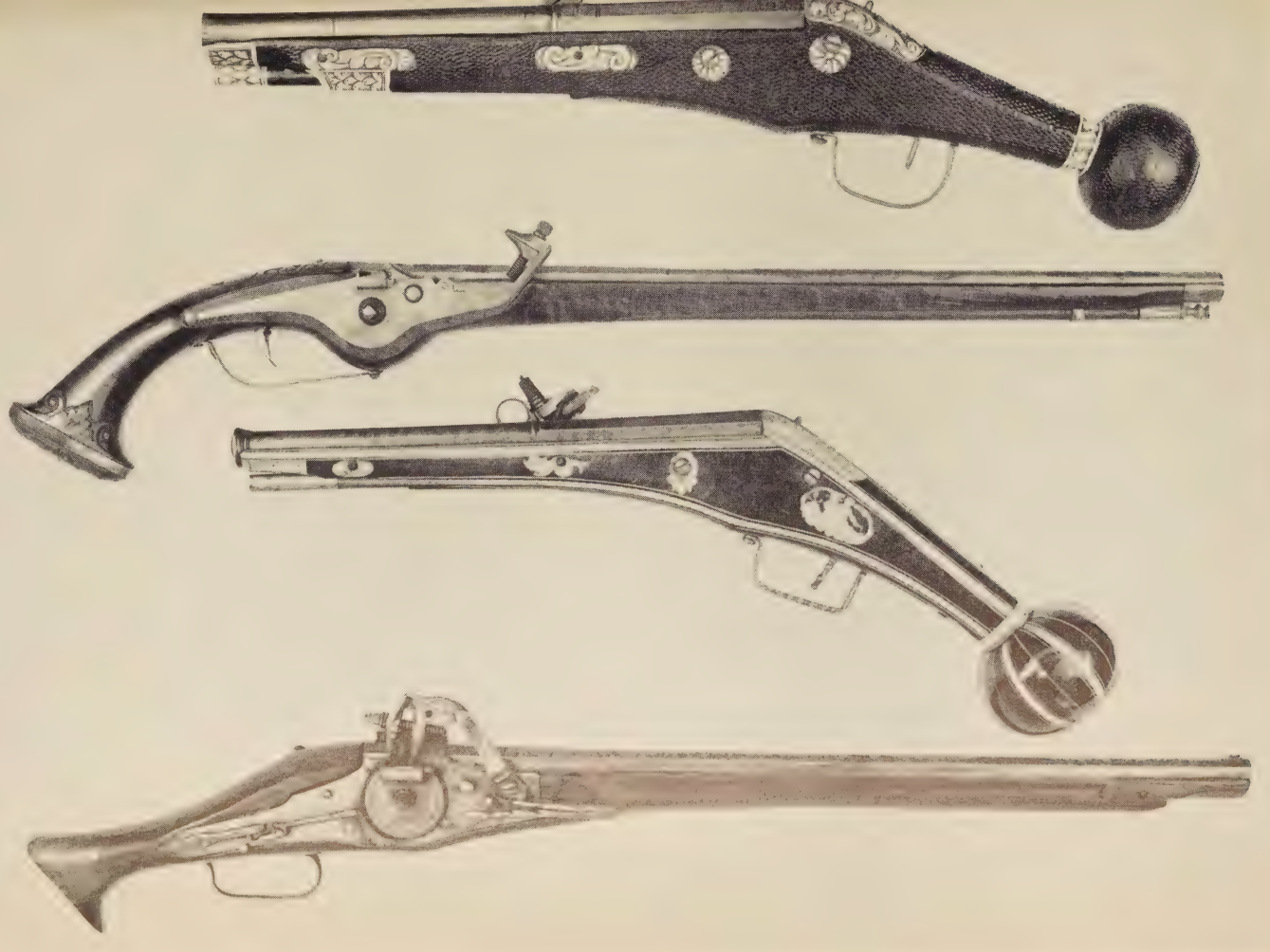

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27 A MILITARY WHEEL-LOCK PISTOL, with pale wood stock (fractured at the fore-end) the stock with steel butt cap and trigger guard, the barrel with the initial *P* at the breech, 23½*in., mid-17th Century*

28 AN EARLY GERMAN WHEEL-LOCK PISTOL, the dog lightly engraved with foliage and of baluster shape, the lock with maker's poinçon with the initials *VD*, plain wood stock with fish tail butt, the barrel with a tubular rear sight, 26½*in., circa* 1570

*** The maker's mark apparently unrecorded by Stoeckel

(*See* ILLUSTRATION FACING PAGE 10)

29 A FINE BALL-BUTTED WHEEL-LOCK PISTOL, the ebony stock enriched with panels of ropework, dolphins and a figure of Flora, the butt with a mother-o'-pearl cap, the lock with Nuremberg town mark, and with etched wheel cover, *stamped HH,* 19½*in., circa* 1580 (the twist barrel re-etched at a later date)

*** For the barrel maker's initials see Stoeckel A2891

(*See* ILLUSTRATION FACING PAGE 10)

30 A GERMAN WHEEL-LOCK PISTOL, the outline of the stock inlaid with strips of bone, the remainder of the stock stamped to resemble horn, the barrel octagonal at the breech with a Nuremberg town mark and with a barrel maker's mark *of Lorenz Hörolt,* the lock with pierced wheel cover also stamped with a Nuremberg mark and another mark, fluted pear-shaped butt (cap missing), 28*in., circa* 1600

*** Stoeckel records Hörolt's mark, p. 139, no. 527, and the 'sun' poinçon stamped on the lock, A5872, which he attributes to Augsburg

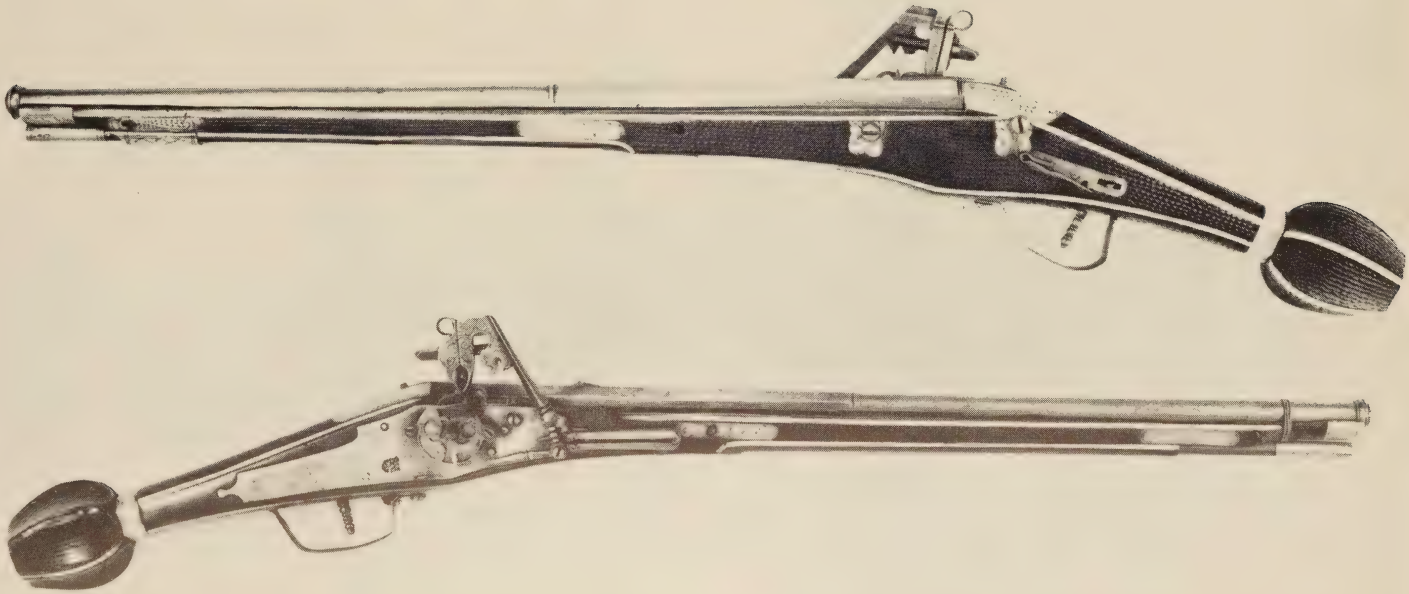
(*See* ILLUSTRATION)

31 ANOTHER GERMAN WHEEL-LOCK PISTOL, almost forming the pair to the preceding lot, the barrel bearing the maker's mark *of Peter Danner* and the Nuremberg town mark, the lockplate bearing the same mark and with a maker's mark, the stock outlined in strips of bone stamped to resemble horn (butt cap missing), 28*in., Nuremberg, circa* 1600

*** This pistol and the preceding piece are fitted with most unusual pan-covers with serrated combs, presumably to strike a spark from the pyrites and so achieve more rapid combustion of the priming

For the work of Peter Danner of Nuremberg, see Stoeckel, p. 71, no. 217

(*See* ILLUSTRATION)



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32 A GERMAN MILITARY WHEEL-LOCK PISTOL, with plain stock with fish tail butt and octagonal barrel, 23*in., mid-17th Century* (in damaged condition)

33 A GERMAN WHEEL-LOCK HOLSTER PISTOL, the pale wood stock with steel mounts, the barrel octagonal at the breech, and stamped with the initial *P*, 23½*in., mid-17th Century*

34 A GERMAN OFFICER'S WHEEL-LOCK PISTOL, the plain wood stock with octagonal barrel and fish tail butt, *stamped I* at the breech, 23*in., mid-17th Century* (butt cap missing)

35 A GERMAN MILITARY WHEEL-LOCK PISTOL, with plain stock and browned octagonal barrel the dog fitted with an oblong flange to protect the dog spring, 22*in., 17th Century*

36 A SAXON WHEEL-LOCK PISTOL, the barrel with the initials *HR* on either side of an armourer's mark, the stock stamped to resemble horn, inlaid with engraved bone, the hall butt set with a bone roundel engraved with the arms of Saxony, 21¾*in., circa* 1590

*** From the Armoury of the Electors of Saxony, Dresden
The initials *HR* together with the vertical 'animal stamp' (Stoeckel A5497) appears on two pistols in the Tower of London Armouries, on a pair in the von Kienbusch Collection, and on a single pistol in the Royal Scottish Museum

37 A FINE SAXON WHEEL-LOCK PISTOL, the barrel with the initials *AS* at the breech, the stock stamped to resemble horn and with a silver butt cap, etched with a bearded warrior wearing an elaborate embossed helmet, 22*in., late* 16*th Century*

*** Stoeckel records several Saxon barrel makers with the *AS* mark, see Vol. II, p. 508, nos. A1957-1960
See first footnote to lot 36

38 A GERMAN ALL-STEEL WHEEL-LOCK PISTOL, the lockplate stamped with an armourer's mark, the dog engraved with foliage, the barrel re-engraved with strapwork, 12*in., Nuremberg, circa* 1580

*** For the armourer's mark see Stoeckel, B4836
For similar examples see Peterson, *The Book of the Gun,* p. 63; also the Wallace Collection *Catalogue,* pl. 186, A1171

(*See* ILLUSTRATION)

39 A GERMAN OFFICER'S WHEEL-LOCK PISTOL, the barrel octagonal at the breech, and with two armourer's marks, the pale wood stock with steel mounts, stamped with the inventory no. 3, the interior of the lock stamped with initials *EM,* 25*in., Zella, mid-*17*th Century*

*** Stoeckel records the Zella mark, p. 490, no. 1782. The other poinçon stamped beside the town mark is apparently unrecorded but might be a variation of those used by the Klett family of gunsmiths

(*See* ILLUSTRATION)

40 A GOOD QUALITY BRESCIAN WHEEL-LOCK PISTOL, with replaced barrel, the lock with well chiselled dog, stamped on the inside with the mark *GZ*, the butt well chiselled with a gadrooned flowerhead, wavy trigger guard and grotesque trigger, complete with belt hook, 20¾*in.*, 17*th Century* (replaced forestock)

*** The lock-maker's mark appears on a piece in the Musée de l'Armée, recorded by Stoeckel, B2742

(*See* ILLUSTRATION FACING PAGE 15)

41 AN EXTREMELY RARE WHEEL-LOCK COMBINATION WEAPON, the barrel, well etched all over with strapwork and foliage, forming the shaft of an axe, the blade (restored and re-etched) screwed to the muzzle, the wheel-lock action (replaced and re-etched) set above the grips, the pear-shaped pommel etched *en suite* with the barrel and with a patch box, 28*in.*, 16*th Century*

*** Compare with a combined wheel-lock pistol and battle mace also with etched decoration formerly in the Spitzer Collection, illustrated *Catalogue*, p. 62, no. 279

(*See* ILLUSTRATION FACING PAGE 15)

42 A WHEEL-LOCK PISTOL, the stock with fluted pear-shaped butt, boldly inlaid with panels of mother-o'-pearl and horn, the dog with faceted baluster stem engraved with foliage, the barrel with an indistinct armourer's mark, 29½*in., South German, circa* 1600 (dog-spring replaced, stock defective)

43 AN OFFICER'S WHEEL-LOCK PISTOL, the barrel and lock stamped with the marks of L. H. L. Zimmermann, the stock stamped with circles, 24½*in., German, mid-17th Century* (mainspring missing)

*** Zimmermann is recorded by Stoeckel, no. 1218, as working in Berlin circa 1652

44 A GOOD QUALITY WHEEL-LOCK PISTOL, the lock engraved and gilt with scrolling foliage and stamped with a small Nuremberg town mark at the tang, the barrel also with the Nuremberg town mark and with the snake mark above, the muzzle and breech engraved with stylised foliage, the ebony stock inlaid with plaques of mother-o'-pearl engraved with hounds and fruit, gilt bronze butt centred by Medusa, 21*in., circa* 1600

*** The snake mark (Stoeckel A5865) also appears on a musket in conjunction with the control mark in the Musée de l'Armée, Paris. The lock-maker's mark *HB*, is apparently unrecorded by Stoeckel
Compare with another Nuremberg-made pistol in the Wallace Collection, see *Catalogue,* A1157/8, pls. 182 and 191

(*See* ILLUSTRATION)

45 A GOOD QUALITY BALL-BUTTED PISTOL, the wheel-lock with engraved brass wheel surround, and lion's mask pan cover relief catch, the barrel dated 1577 and with a maker's poinçon *of Abraham Dressler,* the stock decorated with swirling foliate designs in inlaid engraved horn, the fore-end engraved with a monster's mask, complete with belt hook, 23½*in., late 16th Century*

*** The Dressler family of gunmakers are recorded by Stoeckel as working in Dresden in the late 16th Century, see vol. 1, no. 251. Another pistol by the same maker and also dated 1577 was in the collection of Major Ilgn, Potsdam
Compare with a similarly decorated wheel-lock pistol in the Wallace Collection, see *Catalogue,* pl. 183, no. 1141

(*See* ILLUSTRATION)

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46 A FINE GERMAN WHEEL-LOCK PISTOL, the barrel faceted at the breech and indistinctly stamped with the Nuremberg town mark, the stock well inlaid with scrollwork, bunches of fruit and masks centring grotesque borders, the barrel with ring muzzle, ovoid pommel, 30½*in., circa* 1600

(*See* ILLUSTRATION FACING PAGE 18)

47 A FINE PAIR OF GERMAN WHEEL-LOCK PISTOLS, *by Hans Stockmann,* the barrels *initialled HS* at the breeches, within crescent motifs, the stocks elaborately inlaid with horn, engraved with dolphins, flowerheads and fruit, the octagonal pear-shaped butts decorated *en suite,* 30½*in., Saxon, circa* 1610 (2)

*** Part of the equipment of the guard of the Electoral Prince Christian II of Saxony (D1611) from the Johannaeum, Dresden. A similar pair of pistols with the same gunsmith's mark is in the Tower of London Armouries XII 1258

(*See* ILLUSTRATION FACING PAGE 18)

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15	Stutz, B.	58	162.40
16	German	100	280.00
17	Fairclough	130	364.00
18	Jenkinson	320	896.00
19	Stutz, B.	1,500	4,200.00
20	Jenkinson	92	257.60
21	German	60	168.00
22	Junot	160	448.00
23	German	170	476.00
24	German	340	952.00
25	Junot	380	1,064.00
26	Stutz, B.	420	1,176.00
27	Marsh, B.	180	504.00
28	Scott, L.	190	532.00
29	Fairclough	520	1,456.00
30	German	300	840.00
31	Fairclough	370	1,036.00
32	Marsh, B.	90	252.00
33	German	150	420.00
34	Marsh, B.	100	280.00
35	German	170	476.00
36	Fairclough	300	840.00
37	German	300	840.00
38	Junot	350	980.00
39	Towers, S. E.	140	392.00
40	Scott, L.	260	728.00
41	Stutz, B.	540	1,512.00
42	Skafte, K. E.	140	392.00
43	German	150	420.00
44	Lee, R. A.	850	2,380.00
45	Stutz, B.	820	2,296.00
46	Lee, R. A.	750	2,100.00
47	Fairclough	1,250	3,500.00
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